



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR

Haskell Arnold, CPA
County Auditor

August 8, 2007

The Honorable Diane O. Leasure
County Administrative Judge
Circuit Court for Howard County
8360 Court Avenue
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear Judge Leasure:

We have received quarterly reports from Healthy Families Howard County covering the period from July 2004 through June 2007 as required by the terms of the agreement between Healthy Families Howard County and the Circuit Court for Howard County for Generous Juror Fees. A review of these quarterly reports by our office indicates that donated juror fees in the total amount of \$20,045 were received by Healthy Families Howard County for programs and services as specified in the agreement. Total disbursements of \$19,068 were made during this period. We reviewed a sample of the disbursements to determine if they were in compliance with the agreement. We found receipts and documentation for all the disbursements we tested.

The current agreement with Healthy Families Howard County expired on September 9, 2006. In the past the agreement has been for one year and has resulted in lapses such as the current lapse. If the agreement included a renewal option these lapses could be avoided. We have requested that Healthy Families Howard County forward a new agreement for your signature in the near future. They have indicated to us that they are very appreciative of the receipt of these funds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Haskell N. Arnold", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Haskell N. Arnold
County Auditor

cc: Council Members

Ken Ulman, County Executive

Kathleen Plasse, Program Manager, Healthy Families Howard County

Suzanne James, Court Administrator